

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/561,793 Confirmation No.: 3642  
Applicant : Guy VANCANNEYT, *et al.*  
Filed : December 21, 2005  
35 U.S.C. § 371 Date : June 9, 2006  
Title : METHODS AND MEANS FOR DELAYING SEED SHATTERING IN PLANTS  
TC/Art Unit : 1638  
Examiner: Li ZHENG  
Docket No. : 58764.000055  
**Customer No.** : **21967**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, AMENDMENT  
AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2007**

Sir:

Applicants provide the following remarks in response to the Non-Final Rejection of September 7, 2007 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), in the above-captioned application.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time within which to submit a response to the Office Action, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including March 7, 2008. Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$1050.00 to cover the three-month extension of time fee. Applicants believe that no other fees are due for entry of these remarks, but should any fees required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

This response is provided in the following format:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3; and

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.